N° 25/AC/0028

MR GEORGE GODSENT
v/
PRESIDENT OF THE STATE DUMA

ST HELIER, President (Sup. Ct.), sitting as a judge of the Administrative Court

21st of November 2025

Russian Federation

Administrative Court of the Russian Federation

THE ADMINISTRATIVE COURT:

Whereas :

A petition was lodged by Mr George Godsent, on the 22nd of November 2025, praying that the Court:

1° Annul the decision revealed on the 21st of November 2025 by which the President of the State Duma enrolled a motion to expel the applicant from the Duma onto the Orders of the Day of the Duma for its sitting on the 22nd of November; and

2° Enjoin the State Duma from enrolling or voting on any further motions to the same effect.

He contends that:

- The State Duma is incompetent (lacks jurisdiction) to remove one of its members by vote on a motion.

By a notice served on the 22nd of November 2025, the Administrative Court raised an *ex proprio* notice of a threshold question of manifest inadmissibility;

Wherefore :

1. The petitioner is a member of the State Duma. On the 21st of November 2025, the President of the State Duma enrolled onto the Orders of the Day of the Duma for the sitting a motion to "Remove mandate from GeorgeGodsent for misconduct…"

   Without prejudice to the extent of the competence or incompetence of the State Duma to remove or expel its members;

2. The Administrative Court has inherent power to, after due notice, dismiss a petition which is manifestly inadmissible; to be admissible, a petition for judicial review must be directed against a decision which produces material effects other than of a *de minimis* character; challenges against putative future decisions are not admissible by way of collateral attack

against preparatory acts not producing any certain effects of a substantial character; the petitioner attacks the decision to enroll the motion onto the Orders of the Day not by reason of the enrollment's own vices but the allegedly unlawful content of the motion; however, the only certain effect of the impugned decision to enroll a motion onto the Orders of the Day, and to provoke discussion upon the motion by the State Duma; the enrollment of the motion is a regular measure of good parliamentary administration that does not produce any substantial effects on the rights, privileges, or situation, whether of the petitioner or any other person; it results from that which has been recalled that, while the expulsion of a Duma member creates serious effects on his situation, the enrollment of a motion is merely a preparatory act to a hypothetical future decision which may be subject to judicial review, and which, without prejudice to any error or vice of procedure in the enrollment which may be invoked against the future decision, is, in isolation, incapable of creating any substantial effects;

In consequence, without considering the merits of the petitioner's claims against the competence of the Duma to expel its members, it is necessary to dismiss the petition as inadmissible;

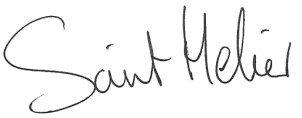
3. This order does not prevent the petitioner from challenging a future decision having the certain effect of expelling him from the Duma;

ORDERS:

1. The claimant's petition is **rejected** and **dismissed**.

2. The surplus of his claims is **denied**.

For the Court,



The President